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## **VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW 12<sup>th</sup> Street Lobby – TW-A325 Washington, D.C. 20554

## Re: Deployment of Text-to-911 Services, Quarterly Progress Report – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2013

In the Matter of Facilitating the Deployment of Text-to-911 and Other Next Generation 911 Applications, PS Docket No. 11-153; and In the Matter of Framework for Next Generation 911 Deployment, PS Docket No. 10-255.

## Dear Ms. Dortch;

In accordance with the terms of the December 6, 2012 voluntary commitment between the four nationwide text-message services providers and APCO and NENA<sup>1</sup>, I am providing this quarterly update regarding the status of AT&T Mobility's ("AT&T") efforts to deploy text-to-911 services.<sup>2</sup>

AT&T has deployed an automatic bounceback message on a nationwide basis to respond to any users attempting to send text messages to 911 via either the SMS or MMS protocols. However, AT&T has not yet deployed text-to-911 services as of this date. At the current time, we anticipate that the earliest we will be able to launch our text-to-911 trial in Tennessee will be near the end of the 3rd quarter or the beginning of the 4th quarter 2013.

While we are investigating the possibility of another trial in another state, we have received eleven requests (two statewide requests, and nine county-specific requests) to provide text to 911 services. AT&T's ability to launch additional trials or deploy the service to requesting PSAPs in advance of the May 2014 deadline will depend greatly on the degree of compatibility of PSAP solutions with the ATIS standards-based solution currently under development. And, upon the completion of its

<sup>1</sup> Letter from Terry Hall, APCO International, Barbara Jaeger, NENA, Charles W. McKee, Sprint Nextel, Robert W. Quinn, Jr, AT&T, Kathleen O'Brien Ham, T-Mobile USA, and Kathleen Grillo, Verizon, to Julius Genachowski, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission, and Commissioners McDowell, Clyburn, Rosenworcel and Pai; PS Docket 11-153, PS Docket No. 10-255 (Dec. 6, 2012).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> This quarterly status update refers to AT&T Mobility and does not refer to Aio Wireless, an entity under common control with AT&T Mobility but managed separately. As Aio Wireless' operations commenced after the December 2012 voluntary commitment was made, it is not included within the scope of AT&T Mobility's voluntary commitment.

market trials, AT&T will be seeking competitive bids from the vendor community for a text-to-911 solution that maximizes compatibility and interoperability with PSAP equipment and implementations.

Should you have any questions regarding the above, please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Cc: Mr. David Furth, Federal Communications Commission, PSHSB

Ms. Cheryl King, Federal Communications Commission, CGB

Mr. Jeff Cohen, APCO International

Mr. Trey Forgety, National Emergency Number Association